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**Re: Submittal of Draft Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment (Lower Willamette River,
Portland Harbor Superfund Site, USEPA Docket No: CERCLA-10-2001-0240)**

Chip and Eric:

The Lower Willamette Group (LWG) is pleased to submit the draft Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment (BERA) for the Portland Harbor Superfund site. The draft BERA represents a very important milestone for the Portland Harbor remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) and as per our discussions, is being submitted approximately six weeks in advance of the draft RI report to facilitate your review of key risk issues in order to keep the FS moving forward.

We look forward to your review of the draft BERA. Please contact me or John Toll if you have any questions about the draft BERA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob Wyatt", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bob Wyatt

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